

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Ward.

Representative Vander Veen moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting. Representative Robertson supported the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Brian Peters and Dennis Paradis of the Partnership for Michigan's Health gave a presentation on The Face and Value of Medicaid. Mr. Peters and Mr. Paradis also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The Chair laid HB 4322 before the committee.

HB 4322 Jones Health; pharmaceuticals; sale of certain over-the-counter products containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine; require to be maintained behind counter and require photo identification.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Erik Harris of the Michigan Nurses Association submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4322, with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4405 and HB 4434 before the committee.

HB 4405 Whitmer Health; pharmaceuticals; prohibition against mail-order pharmacies;

eliminate.

HB 4434 Hummel Health; pharmaceuticals; prohibition against mail order pharmaceuticals and centralized prescription processing; eliminate prohibition and provide for.

Stacey Hettiger of the House Republican Policy Office testified on changes made by proposed substitutes to the original bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Larry Wagenknecht of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Bill Knox of AARP.

Wendy Hofmeyer of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Nadine Nosal of the UAW International Union.

Lisa Katz of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Erik Harris of the Michigan Nurses Association.

Doug Borruso of the Michigan Osteopathic Association submitted a card in support of HB 4434, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4434. Representative Gleason supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4434 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4405. Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4405 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair submitted a letter which announced the formation of 5 subcommittees of the House Health Policy Committee. The subcommittee names and memberships are as follows:

Subcommittee on Cost

Representatives Green (Chair), Ball, Gaffney, Gleason

Subcommittee on Access

Representatives Kahn (Chair), Hune, Gaffney, Murphy

Subcommittee on Wellness and Prevention

Representatives Newell (Chair), Robertson, Gaffney, McDowell, Angerer

Subcommittee on Workforce and Patient Safety

Representative Ball (Chair), Vander Veen, Robertson, Gaffney, Wojno

Subcommittee on Mental Health

Representatives Mortimer (Chair), Nofs, Ward, Gaffney, Adamini

Representative Robertson moved to excuse the absence of Representative Ward. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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